1	2	3	4	5
2.	Haryana • .	NH-1	Widening of four-lanes and strengthening of existing carriageway Mur-thal to Karnal (km. 74.80—130.0)	10%
3.	Punjab -. .	NH-l	Widening of 4-lanes and strengthening existing carriagewav Sirhand to Jullunder (km. 252.525 to 372.7)	23%
4.	Tamil Nadu . .	NH-45	Provision of an additional 2-lane carriageway and strengthening of existing 2-lane from Tamabaram to Puk-kathurai (km. 27 to 67) and strengthening from Pukkathurai to Vil-lupuram (km. 67 to 160)	57%
5.	Uttar Pradesh . .	NH-2	Construction cf a two Jane byepass of the city of Varanasi including a major bridge over the Ganga river.	6-5%
6.	West Bengal . .	NH-2	Construction of a new two lane road with at grade intersection and service road linking the centres of Denkuni and Palsit in the main Calcutta-Delhi corridor.	24%

Refugees from Bangladesh

1862. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees from Bangladesh who have been living in Tripura and else where in the country;

(b) whether the influx of tribals from Bangladesh into Tripura is still going on;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the specific steps proposed to be taken to check the influx of Bangladesh people into India ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) As on 5-3-1990, 64,955 tribal refugees from Bangladesh were accommodated in relief camps in Tripura. This apart, about 300 Bangladesh Chakma refugees from Chittagong Hill Tracts are reported to have crossed over to Mizoram on 18-3-1990.

(c) The influx is reported to have been actuated by the dissatisfaction of the refugees with the prevailing conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

(d) Various moves at the diplomatic and administrative levels have been made in the past to send the refugees back to Bangaldesh. The Government of India have impressed upon the Bangladesh Government on several occassions, including the occasion of External Affairs Minister's recent visit to Bangladesh, to do every thing possible to persuade the refugees to return and to create congenial conditions in Bangladesh so that more tribals do not leave the place of their residence.

Telephone facility to every Gram Panchayat

1863. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state what is the number of Gram

Panchayats which are likely to be provided with atleast one telephone by the end of 31st, December, 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): A Plan has been made to extend telephone facility to 5000 Nos. of Gram Panchayats by the end of 31st December, 1990.

Sri Lankan Refugees

1864. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Sri Lankan refugees who have been living in different parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have provided suitable rehabilitation for those refugees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) The total number of Sri Lankan refugees in India at present is 93,576. Of these, 5359 are lodged in relief camps in Tamil Nadu and Orissa and the rest are on their own.

(b) and (c) As Sri Lankan refugees are not Indian citizens and are required to be sent back to Sri Lanka in due course, measures for their rehabilitation in India are not required to be taken. However, so far an expenditure of Rs. 15.08 crores has been incurred on relief measures upto 31-12-1989.

Extension of President's rule in Punjab

1865. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend President's Rule in Punjab beyond 11th May, 1990;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, whether Government would solve the issue of Punjab by Constituting the State Assembly and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME" AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (c) The question of holding elections to the Punjab State Legislative Assembly or to extend President's Rule in Punjab which will require further amendment of the Constitution, is under consideration of the Government.

Talks with Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary

1866. DR. RATNAKARPANDEY: SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lanka Foreign Secretary, Mr. Tilakratna visited New Delhi for discussions with him, on the 8th February, 1990; and

(b) if so, what precise issues were discussed with him and what was the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir; the discussions were mainly with our foreign Secretary.